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Lebanon

Departure of PLO Forces -- The overland departure of Palestine Liberation Army fighters to Syria began early on 27 August, with over 60 trucks sighted along the Beirut-Damascus highway escorted by Italian forces, Beirut radio reported. The radio added that the road is guarded by French and Lebanese soldiers. Jerusalem radio confirmed that 1,300 "terrorists" are among the convoy.

Two more ships left Beirut port carrying PLO fighters, one transporting 177 wounded fighters to Greece and the other carrying 680 Palestinians to the YAR, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Jerusalem radio said 4,400 "terrorists" have left Beirut in the first 5 days of the evacuation.

Weapons Transfer, Leaders Depart -- PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat gave weapons and equipment to the Nasirite military group Al-Murabitun on 25 August, the Voice of Lebanon claimed.

Beirut radio revealed that the ships sent to the Syrian port of Tartus included Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf and PFLP Political Bureau members Ahmad al-Yamani and Bassam Abu Sharif. In a statement to the London magazine AL-MAJALLAH reported by MENA, Khalaf affirmed that Damascus will remain the PLO headquarters and emphasized that the PLO must exploit its "big victory" in Lebanon.

Al-Jumayyil, Haddad Remarks -- The process of bringing Lebanese viewpoints closer through discussions must start within the next 3 days because the issue cannot wait any longer, President-elect Bashir al-Jumayyil said in remarks reported by Beirut radio. Al-Jumayyil said he will safeguard democratic values and stressed the need for a strong Lebanese army and security forces. The president-elect subsequently sent a message to 'Arafat containing assurances about the Palestinian civilians remaining in Lebanon, the radio noted.

Meanwhile, in a speech over Voice of Hope radio, "Free Lebanon" Commander Maj Sa'd Haddad said that until the new president signs a peace treaty with Israel, the area of southern Lebanon from the Israeli border to the Al-Awwali River should be controled by the "safe hands" of the "Free Lebanon" forces or by forces acceptable to the leadership of "Free Lebanon." Deployment of the Lebanese Army in the south would be unacceptable because of its past association with the PLO and Syrians, Haddad added. When an overall solution is reached, he went on, the south will be integrated willingly into the whole country. Haddad welcomed Al-Jumayyil's election but maintained that it would have been impossible without Israel's Operation "Peace for Galilee.

Citing remarks by a spokesman for Al-Jumayyil, the Voice of Hope reported that the new president will place Major Haddad in command of a reorganized Lebanese force in the south.

Syrian Position, Diplomacy -- Welcoming PLO fighters arriving at Tartus port, Syrian Prime Minister 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm said that even though the Israelis have brought in their "agent" to rule Lebanon, Syria will continue to support the "noble" Lebanon of the nationalist forces and will remain steadfast in its pan-Arab position. There will be no bargaining, no capitulation and no defeatism, he added in his remarks, which were reported by Damascus radio.

Following Kuwaiti reports that Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad's brother Rif'at al-Asad has visited Washington for talks aimed at averting a Syrian-Israeli clash in Lebanon, Damascus radio said his trip to the United States is for health reasons. According to the Saudi paper 'UKAZ, Syria is willing to withdraw its forces from Lebanon in accordance with an Arab summit decision if the United States guarantees an Israeli pledge to withdraw completely from Lebanon. However, the Israelis will aim to retain a 40-km security belt inside Lebanon, the paper noted.

In Damascus, the head of a visiting Soviet delegation praised the courage of Syrian soldiers in Lebanon and stressed that the USSR will continue to offer aid and assistance to those who do not bow to Israel and who are trying to reach a just and lasting settlement in the region, Damascus radio reported. The Soviet representative expressed satisfaction with the development of Syrian-Soviet relations and President al-Asad likewise said relations between the two countries are developing for the better, according to the radio.

VOP BROADCASTS -- The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio broadcast an announcement on 26 August saying it will be confined to one transmission period daily -- from 0500-0700 GMT. The radio had been carrying an afternoon cast at 1500 GMT.

King Fahd Offer -- Saudi King Fahd sent a message to PLO Chairman 'Arafat, carried by SPA, offering to treat wounded Palestinians in Saudi Arabia or abroad.

Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference

The 13th Islamic foreign ministers conference in Niger decleared that UN Security Council Resolution 242 is "incompatible" with Palestinian rights and is not a good basis for solving the Middle East problem and the Palestinian issue, SPA reported. The conference called for efforts to draft a new resolution stipulating Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and the establishment of a Palestinian state under PLO leadership. The conference decided to establish Islamic offices for boycotting Israel and for military coordination with the PLO. On the Iran-Iraq war, the report said it was agreed in principle to use Islamic observers to ensure a withdrawal of forces to recognized borders.

Israel

During his current U.S. visit, Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon told Jewish leaders in New York that the chances of peaceful coexistence with the Palestinian Arabs have improved and that a Jerusalem-Cairo-Beirut "peace axis" will be established which will totally change the face of the region, IDF radio reported.

Egypt

Welcoming President Ronald Reagan's statements on Israeli West Bank settlements, Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali said Egypt interprets UN Resolution 242 and the Camp David accords as providing for the withdrawal of Israel's forces and civil administration to the green line for separating the West Bank and Israel, MENA reported citing AL-AHRAM. 'Ali stressed that Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon is a condition for the resumption of efforts to continue the peace process.

Iran-Iraq War

The Iraqi paper AL-JUMHURIYAH reaffirmed that Iraq is determined to destroy any ship which approaches Khark Island, regardless of its nationality, INA reported. Meanwhile, IRNA asserted that oil exports from the island are continuing "regularly" and another loaded tanker left there on 26 August.

Iran

In an interview cited by Tehran radio, pilgrim affairs superviser Musavi Kho'ini reminded Iranian pilgrims to remain "vigilant" and to take an "Islamic approach" toward other Muslims during the pilgrimage. He also expressed hope that Saudi officials will treat the Iranians well.

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NUR AHMAD NUR ATTENDS TRADE UNION PLENUM

LD240621 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 24 Aug 82

[Text] Kabul, August 23, BAKHTAR -- The fifth plenum of the Central Council of the Trade Unions of the DRA was here today.

The plenum was attended by the heads of the trade unions of the provinces and members of the central inspection commission, Nur Ahmad Nur, member of Politburo and secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA, Dip. Eng. Esma'il Danesh, alternate member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the PDPA, and cadres and activists of social organisations.

The plenum was first addressed by Nur Ahmad Nur. Later, Satar Purdeli, the alternate member of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Central Council of the Trade Unions of the DRA, read the main report of the meeting on the duties of the trade organisations.

MUJAHIDIN AMBUSH SOVIET CONVOYS, DESTROY 3 TANKS

GF242010 Karachi JASARAT in Urdu 22 Aug 82 p 8

[Text] London, 21 Aug (AAP) -- Afghan freedom fighters have destroyed three Soviet tanks and five fuel tankers and captured one Soviet soldier armed with a Kalashnikov. The "Ettehad-e Eslami" mujahidin, tipped off by their collaborators in the Afghan Army that a military convoy would be moving along the Qandahar-Herat road, laid mines on the road near Pashmul and waited for the promised convoy. When the convoy passed over the mined road, the explosions destroyed two tanks. The mujahidin hiding along the road fired rockets at the convoy and, after a heated exchange of fire, captured one Soviet soldier armed with a Kalashnikov. Later, the mujahidin returned to their mountain hideouts.

On the same day, the mujahidin waylaid another Soviet convoy of fuel tankers traveling from Herat to Qandahar. The convoy hit the mined road near (Sang Sahar) and one Soviet tank was destroyed. The rockets fired by the mujahidin ignited five fuel tankers. Late at night, when the mujahidin returned to inspect the damage, they found the destroyed tank and five burned-out fuel tankers. The guerrillas removed one machinegun and two Kalashnikovs from the tank. The mujahidin suffered no casualties in either attack.

Later, when the Soviets were towing their destroyed tank toward Herat on the way to the Soviet border, the salvage party captured 50 sheep belonging to a shepherd near Towraghondi, butchered them and carried away the meat. The shepherd, who later complained to the local Karmal administration for redress, was harshly told that if he persisted in his demand, he would be thrown into prison for sympathizing with the mujahidin guerrillas. The shepherd returned without redress.

KARMAL ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT OF NEW IRAQI ENVOY

LD240558 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0415 GMT 24 Aug 82

[Text] Kabul, August 23, BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, has accepted the assignment of Zaki Abdul Hamid al-Haba as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Iraq in the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

KARMAL GREETS CEAUSESCU ON ROMANIA'S NATIONAL DAY

LD230713 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0433 GMT 23 Aug 82

[Text] Kabul, August 22, BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the PDPA and president of the Revolutionary Council, has sent a contratulatory telegram to Nicolae Ceausescu, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Romania, at Bucharest on the occasion of the National Day of Romania.

Babrak Karmal, in his telegram, has expressed his confidence that the friendly relations between the parties, peoples and governments of the two countries will continue to strengthen and develop ever further in the interest of the two peoples and the cause of peace in the world.

KARMAL GREETS GDR'S HONECKER ON BIRTHDAY

LD250634 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0432 GMT 25 Aug 82

[Text] Kabul, Aug 24, BAKHTAR -- A congratulatory message has been communicated by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the CC, PDPA, president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA to Comrade Erich Honecker, general secretary of Socialist Unity Party of Germany [SED] and president of the GDR State Council, on the latter's 70th birth anniversary.

"Our freedom-loving party and people honour your prideful life, more than 50 years of which have been dedicated to democracy, peace, social progress and socialism," the message says.

While appreciating the role played by Erich Honecker in the movement of German communist youth and, in building an advanced socialist society, Babrak Karmal has noted the contribution made by him to the unity of the communist and worker's movement on the war-torn German soil under the leadership of the SED, and the victory won over fascist and militarist remnants.

The message declares that the people of GDR under the guidance of the SED, particularly in more than eleven years during which Erich Honecker has been occupying the first place in the leadership, have won great and glorious achievements. The GDR today is making a significant contribution in the movement for international solidarity, peace and friendship with peoples, it adds.

Karmal has said that the party and the people of Afghanistan, from the very inception of their national democratic revolution, have consistently enjoyed and thus appreciate the solidarity and friendship of the people of the GDR and the government.

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BAKHTAR-PTI AGREEMENT -- Kabul, August 26, BAKHTAR -- An agreement of cooperation between the committee of BAKHTAR information agency of the DRA and Press Trust of India of the Republic of India was concluded here today. The agreement was signed from the Afghan side by the care-taker of BAKHTAR information agency and from Indian side by the general manager of Press Trust of India. Under this agreement, both news agencies will reciprocally exchange publications and informative materials including news, bulletins, photos and maintain professional cooperation with each other. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0427 GMT 27 Aug 82 LD]

PAKISTAN-PRC PASS PROTOCOL AGAIN PROTESTED

BK261481 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] India today lodged a strongly-worded written protest to Pakistan over the signing of a protocol with China on the opening of the Khunjerab Pass on the Karakoram highway in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Indian Ambassador K.D. Sharma handed over the protest note to Pakistan's Additional Foreign Secretary Abdul Sattar in Islamabad. India has pointed out that both Pakistan and China have no right to sign an agreement concerning an area which is under the illegal occupation of Pakistan.

It may be recalled that India had earlier conveyed orally its protest to both Pakistan and China against the opening of the Khunjerab Pass. The opening of the pass is scheduled for tomorrow.

PAKISTAN SAID TO OPEN FIRE ACROSS BORDER

BK261240 Hong Kong AFP in English 1215 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] New Delhi, Aug. 26 (AFP) -- Pakistani troops in disputed Kashmir opened "unprovoked" firing from across the line of actual control in the Poonch sector today, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The agency in a dispatch said the fire was returned by Indian soldiers as a precautionary measure.

Without giving details, PTI said simi'ar firing incidents by the Pakistanis had occurred during the past 2 days.

It was not known whether there were casualities in the exchange.

In a separate dispatch from Poonch, PTI said a Pakistani national, identified as Anwar Hussain, was arrested at Surankot in the same border area on Wednesday on suspicion of being an intelligence agent.

BANGLADESH AGREES ON BORDER PATROL MEASURES

BK261631 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] India and Bangladesh have agreed to intensify border patrolling and take other measures to prevent illegal infiltration to India. At a meeting held in Calcutta today, the border security force and Bangladesh rifles discussed problems relating to checking smuggling and other illegal activity. Both sides have agreed to exchange information to bring down the incidents of smuggling between the two countries.

SHOTS FIRED AT UAE CONSUL GENERAL IN BOMBAY

BK261246 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] The United Arab Emirates consul general in Bombay, Ibrahim Hawad, escaped unhurt when an unknown assailant fired at him today. The incident occurred when Hawad was coming out of his car near his office in south Bombay. The police said that the consul general was unhurt but his car was damaged. Investigations are on. No arrest has so far been made.

NEWSMEN ASKED NOT TO STRIKE ON BIHAR PRESS BILL

BK261337 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] Minister for Information and Broadcasting Vasant Sathe has appealed to journalists not to go on strike in protest against the Bihar press bill. Talking to newsmen in New Delhi today, he said the center is already seized of the matter.

BRIEFS

FISHING, OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL -- New Delhi, Aug. 17 (AFP) -- The Indian Government today decided to acquire a fishing and oceanographic research vessel (Fory) at an estimated cost of 174 million rupes (20 million U.S. dollars) from Denmark under the Danish Aid Programme. A government spokesman said the main function of the vessel would be marine fisheries research aimed at locating resources of commercial importance, assessing their extent, locating spawning areas, as wlll as biological physical, geological, and chemical oceanographic investigation, meteorological research and sea bed testing. [Text] [Hong Kong AFP in English 0053 GMT 18 Aug 82 BK]

REPORT ON BONDED LABORERS -- New Delhi, Aug. 18 (AFP) -- More than 2.2 million slaves continued to suffer in India today and provincial governments have shown little concern for their welfare and freedom, a federal government sponsored official report admitted today. The commissioner for Scheduled Caste and Tribes -- a federal-controlled welfare organization -- detailed that only 120,000 slaves had so far been freed and that provincial governments not only refused to take up welfare schemes, but even "deny the prevalence of this pernicious practice." Of India's 22 states 19 of them are ruled by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress-I Party, which controls the federal government. Today's report was seen as the first official admission in recent years of the existence of such a large number of slaves, officially called "bonded labourers." The report and the statistics were based on a survey done in some states by the National Labour Institute. The report said: "The commissioner has observed that during his visit to the tribal areas of eastern Bihar state, which has one of the lowest per capital income in India, he saw able bodied men and women being taken by local influential persons to work in distant states." [Fxcerpt] [Hong Kong AFP in English 0325 GMT 18 Aug 82 BK]

RADIO SATELLITE LINK -- All stations of All India Radio (AIR) are to be linked through the Indian National Satellite -- INSAT-1 -- for relaying programs simultaneously. Linking of 10 AIR stations with Delhi is expected to be completed by the end of August. The stations are: Srinagar, Jaipur, Bhopal, Gauhati, Imphal, Kohima, Cuttack, Trivandrun, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad. Some of them have already started simultaneous broadcast through INSAT; 16 more stations will have the satellite link by March 1983. All the 85 AIR stations will be linked through the satellite by the end of 1983. Transmission facility at the Delhi station has already been provided through a mobile earth station. [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Aug 82 BK]

TV DISSEMINATION -- With establishment of 15 more TV transmitters envisaged in the sixth plan, over 33 percent of the population would be covered by TV programs. Giving this information in the Rajya Sabha, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Vasant Sathe said that at present, TV programs are being telecast by 19 centers covering 17.90 percent of the population. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 2 Aug 82 BK]

TELECOM COOPERATION WITH FRANCE -- India and France signed on 2 August a memorandum of understanding for close cooperation in the field of telecommunications. It covers seven agreements signed by the two countries earlier in the field of communications. The memorandum envisages support of the French Government in the execution of these agreements and for future continuous flow of technology in communications. It was signed by the Indian communications minister and the French minister for postal services and telecommunications. Projects to be executed under the agreements total 1.49 billion rupees with a foreign exchange component of 740 million. [Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Aug 82 BK]

TAMIL NADU NAVAL STATION -- A naval air station is to be set up at Ernakulam in Tamil Nadu. This was disclosed by Chief of Naval Staff Adm O.S. Dawson at a news conference in Madras on 31 July. He said accessibility to the Bay of Bengal is why the navy chose this site. He said there are already two air stations in the country, one in Goa and the other at Cochin. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 31 Jul 82 BK]

THE MUSLIM BACKS 'BETTER TIES' WITH USSR

GF262128 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 19 Aug 82 p 4

[Editorial: "Pakistani-Soviet Relations"]

[Text] In a recent interview with a local weekly, the president has stated that friendly ties with the Soviet Union was "one of the basic objectives" of Pakistan's foreign policy. He added that there was no bilateral dispute between the two countries, except that there exists a principled difference of opinion on Afghanistan. This statement is a welcome reiteration of Pakistan's commitment to non-alignment and a foreign policy that is geared towards friendship with all neighbours. Coming as it does in the wake of the foreign secretary's scheduled visit to Moscow next month, this presidential interview assumes some significance. Additionally, reports emanating from various quarters indicate that major headway was made in the Geneva talks regarding a negotiated compromise on Afghanistan.

While these words are necessary to dispel any impression of a dilution of Pakistan's faith in non-alignment following the $3.2 billion agreement with the United States, these should be followed by concrete moves. We need to develop a communication at a higher official level with the Russians. Perhaps the foreign minister, an old Moscow hand, could take the initiative of visiting the Soviet Union. The important thing is that the Soviet Union has also behaved in a rather restrained manner following its messed-up intervention in neighbouring Afghanistan. It has very wisely delinked political differences over Afghanistan from our bilateral economic ties, which retain a "business-as-usual" character. Last year, trade increased by 25 per cent and Soviet aid to such important projects as the Karachi steel mills and the Guddu thermal power station is still coming in. Despite Western-concocted scare scenarios to the contrary, the Soviets have not played what was widely billed as the "Baluchistan card." Neither is there any evidence to support the existence of the much-touted warm waters theory, whose validity can be found only in the minds of outmoded historians and hardened cold warriors.

In fact, given the unstable regional situation and the accentuation of super-power rivalry, Pakistan as a medium state in a strategically-placed area has a fairly wide room to manoeuvre. With the two super-powers balancing each other, their ability to manipulate and direct events is rather limited. This is manifested by their inability to control the spread of the Gulf war. Another element which our policy-makers need to understand is that notwithstanding our political intimacy with Washington our options towards Moscow are not foreclosed. If India can have the "best of both worlds" without really compromising its position, why cannot Pakistan pursue a policy of political equidistance from both super-powers? The days of "special relationships" or "lasting ties" with a super-power are over. Fast moving events and changing perceptions of the national interest make policy adjustments in foreign relations imperative.

An "all-or-nothing" approach in a country's foreign policy is neither desirable nor feasible. If friendly cooperation can exist with a distant super-power despite conflicting interests, then it is also possible with a super-power which is virtually next-door. Avoiding minor irritants in relations, Pakistan should move ahead in forging better ties with Moscow so that differences are narrowed and the two countries have a better understanding of each other. Such a move fully accords with our national interest, which is to cover our flanks and ensure that there is no communication breakdown with our "great neighbour."

PAPER PROPOSES STEPS TO STEM STUDENT VIOLENCE

GF262123 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 17 Aug 82 p 4

[Editorial: "Student Unions"]

[Text] The incidence of violence in colleges and universities, and uninhibited use of fire-arms between groups of students in some institutions, has steadily been on the increase in the recent past. Some of these centres of education had, more or less, been turned into arsenals, while they should have been repositories of the highest traditions of discipline and learning. Violent clashes between students, committed to divergent ideologies or operating on behalf of vested interests pulling the strings from outside, have vitiated the atmosphere of these institutions, and led to grievous injuries and even death of some of the victims. The situation had appeared to have gone out of control of the relevant administrations of colleges and universities in the grip of violence.

The ban imposed on political parties may well have politicised some sections of the student community and led to dissention and even serious hostility in their ranks. Whatever the factors responsible for the end result -- violence -- the situation has given cause for grave concern not only to the authorities but also to the parents of students. Student unions, promoting factional interests, have to a large extent been responsible for some of the gruesome happenings in these institutions. It is the realisation of this fact which obviously has led to the contemplation of imposing a virtual ban on student unions. According to a press report, this decision, it is said, was being taken on the advice tendered by 21 vice-chancellors of different universities on the basis of recommendations made by the Universities Grant Commission.

Given this context, the official impulse is to view the problem of campus terrorism in a purely "law and order" context. Banning student unions would not solve the problem as the real cause lies in the sponsorship of student groups by political parties. What is needed is to sever this link between an outside force and the student group operating within a university campus. Student participation in campus politics is healthy and should normally promote a sense of responsibility. After all, students in many Third World countries, including Pakistan, have played leading roles in mass movements. For instance, the students were in the vanguard of the Pakistan movement and made a substantial contribution in supporting the quaid-i-azam.

In recent years the balance of power in the university campus has shifted decisively on the side of students at the expense largely of the teachers and the administration. The former have been the worst sufferers facing threats and pressures while the latter has meekly gone along with whatever the students decide to do. More often than not, the university administration appears to be a partisan factor siding with the students who are better organised and more prone to bullying others with external assistance. Additionally, whenever acts of violence have taken place and even if the culprits have been identified, they are not punished, perhaps, because of backing from unfluential quarters. If this abysmal state of affairs is to be rectified, then uniform application of justice is necessary. Secondly, there should be legal curbs against any political party sponsoring or funding, overtly or covertly, any campus group. If these steps are taken it would help in stemming the rising tide of campus terrorism which has also claimed several lives and which is a very dangerous trend in our institutions of higher learning.

STRENGTHENING OF ANTIDRUG LAWS PLANNED

BK270234 Hong Kong AFP in English 0119 GMT 27 Aug 82

[Text] Islamabad, Aug. 26 (AFP) -- Pakistan plans to revise its anti-drug laws and may introduce the death penalty for drug trafficking, Information Secretary Maj Gen Mujibur Rahman said today.

The punishment for involvement in narcotics dealing is currently a maximum of five years imprisonment and thirty lashes, but the regime is considering capital punishment because of the crime's "dangerous affects," the secretary told a news conference here.

He said that from now on, drug cases will be tried by military courts to avoid delay and the laws will be revised to make them "more stringent."

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LOW COST GROUND STATIONS -- Pakistan scientists have invented low cost ground stations which can receive television pictures transmitted by artificial satellites from outer space. Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission Chairman Salim Mehmud said in a seminar in Vienna that Pakistan is making every effort to find a place among the developed countries in the field of space research. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 8 Aug 82 BK]

ADDITICNAL POWER GENERATION -- The various new hydroelectric schemes started by the Water and Power Development Authority [WAPDA] will generate an additional 5,500 megawatts of electricity after their completion. The WAPDA chairman said at a news conference in Lahore on 18 August that these schemes are in addition to those for expanding the power stations at Tarbela and Mangla. He said the Tarbela power station will be able to generate 4,000 megawatts of electricity by 1990 after its 10 turbines begin operating. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 19 Aug 82 BK]

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AID -- The Asian Development B[illegible]s to provide an additional $29 million for the second phase of the thermal power [illegible]ion project in Pipri near Karachi. This will be in addition to the $55 million which the bank approved for the project in June 1981. [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 9 Aug 82 BK]

COURT AGREEMENT WITH SRI LANKA -- Pakistan and Sri Lanka have agreed in principle that the lawyers of the two countries will be able to appear in each other's court on a reciprocal basis. The agreement was reached at a meeting in Islamabad on 9 August between the visiting Sri Lankan minister for justice and the federal minister for law and parliamentary affairs. The Pakistan minister explained constitutional developments in Pakistan and the functioning of the Supreme Court and the Federal Shariat Court. The Sri Lankan minister showed keen interest in the working of the shariat court in Pakistan as Sri Lanka intends to introduce a Buddhist court. [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 9 Aug 82 BK]

NEW AMBASSADOR TO UN -- Pakistan's new ambassador to the United Nations, S. Shannawaz presented his credentials to Secretary General Perez de Cuellar on 17 August. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 17 Aug 82 BK]

CZECHOSLOVAKIA DEBT RELIEF -- Under an agreement signed in Islamabad on 16 August, Czechoslovakia is to provide a debt relief of $2.11 million to Pakistan. It will pruchase Pakistani goods against the outstanding debt service. [Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 16 Aug 82 BK]

HOPE EXPRESSED FOR GOOD TREATMENT OF PILGRIMS

LD261838 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] According to IRNA, Mr Musavi-Kho'ini, the imam's representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrim affairs, told the agency in an interview: In the course of mass meetings and the meetings which we will hold with religious personalities and pilgrims from other countries during the hajj season, we will try to brief everyone on the righteous stands taken by the Islamic Republic of Iran as well as crimes committed by the United States against the Muslims of the world. He said our pilgrims' revolutionary-Islamic conduct during the hajj season this year [in Saudi Arabia] will serve in the best way possible to introduce our revolution abroad.

The imam's representative reminded the Iranian pilgrims to remain vigilant and prepared for an Islamic approach with other pilgrims. He expressed the hope that the Saudi officials would treat the Iranian pilgrims well especially at the time of their arrival at Jidda, which would satisfy the revolutionary and Muslim people of Iran.

First Group Leave for Hajj

GF261938 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1430 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Text] More than 1,000 Iranian pilgrims of both sexes left for Saudi Arabia aboard two airplanes today. They are the first group of visitors to the Ka'ba. They will congregate at the center of truth and righteousness with Muslim brothers and sisters from all over the world and will perform the political and worship rituals of pilgrimage. The Iranian pilgrims were seen off at the airport by a throng of Tehran's Muslim citizens.

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 1,028 ON WAR WITH IRAQ

LD261930 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 26 Aug 82

[Communique No 1,028 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Throughout the fronts in the southern and western parts of the country, Islam's powerful combatants, while maintaining complete domination and power, are holding the initiative and are continuing to crush and weaken the enemies of Islam. During the past 24 hours and throughout the operational zones in the southern parts of the country an exchange of artillery fire and mortars continued. Thanks to the powerful artillery fire of the ground forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, effective blows were dealt at enemy tank and artillery positions and servicemen. Islam's proud, epic creators on the southern fronts, while continuing to defend their positions and open antibattery fire, silenced the enemy's weapons' fire and put an end to all mercenary activities aimed at digging earthworks, minefields and even trenches in the operational zones.

The intrepid combatants of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Abadan and Khorramshahr regions retaliated against enemy fire and as a result several enemy observation posts, group bunkers and two machinegun emplacements were destroyed and a number of Iraqi servicemen were either killed or wounded.

Yesterday the city of Abadan was subjected to enemy long-range and heavy-weapons fire and as a result of hits by Saddamist mortar shells, two houses and one shop were destroyed and another two residential units were set on fire. A total of 13 of our compatriots were wounded.

Along the operational zones in the western parts of the country our forces, while retaliating against enemy fire, inflicted losses and casualties on the aggressors. As a result of our artillery fire on enemy positions in the (Harginah) and Panjwin regions, some enemy weapons were destroyed. Also, several trenches and one troop-carrying vehicle on one of the country's western fronts were destroyed by fire opened by our forces. In the Paveh region, an exchange of fire continued. Our combatants, observing enemy movements in the (Toveyleh) region during which the enemy intended to shift its positions, opened artillery and mortar fire, hitting their assembly points and installations and preventing all enemy movements.

During the past 24 hours, several enemy aircraft tried to intrude into the airspace of several border towns in the southern and western parts of the country, but thanks to antiaircraft fire from the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, these aircraft vanished without carrying out any action.

May God's victory be granted to the supporters of good and the traversers of the path of God!

[Signed] The Joint Staff on the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

LOADED TANKERS 'REGULARLY' DEPART KHARK ISLAND

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[Text] Ahvaz, Aug. 26, IRNA -- A 357,000 ton capacity Swedish freighter, "Sea Song", berthed in one of the piers of Khark Island in the Persian Gulf yesterday at 0900 hours.

The freighter left at 15:00 hours today after it was loaded.

Despite the hollow threats by Baghdad's rulers, the oil exports from Khark Island are continuing regularly and the freighters, after being successfully loaded, then leave for their destinations.

IRAQI TROOPS KILLED BY IRAQI MUJAHIDEEN

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[Text] Sanandaj, Aug. 26, IRNA -- After several hours of bitter fighting between the Iraqi Muslim mujahideen and government troops, on August 21 eight Iraqi troops were killed and four of their vehicles destroyed. This was subsequent to the shelling of the Nalpiraz garrison by the mujahideen.

This event was followed by the savage bombardment by the Iraqi Ba'athists on the residential township of Nalpiraz northeastern Iraq, which caused the destruction of several houses and wounded four children. Over the same period, a massave demonstration was held in the Iraqi city of Sulaymaniyah.

In this rally, the demonstrators carried portraits of Imam Khomeyni and cried anti-Ba'athist and anti-Zionist slogans. Also on August 21, a high-ranking Iraqi Ba'athist agent survived an attempt on [his] life by an Iraqi revolutionary although three of his security guards were killed and his house was damaged.

INDIAN COMMERCE MINISTER MEETS OFFICIALS, LEAVES

Confers With Musavi

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 25, (IRNA) -- The commerce minister of India, Shiv Raj Patil, the head of the Indian economic mission currently in Iran, met and conferred with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi on Wednesday afternoon. Issues of bilateral interest, especially in cultural and economic fields, were discussed in the meeting.

The two sides also talked about matters related to the non-aligned summit conference, independence of member countries of the movement and the necessity of their non-reliance on the West and the East.

Iranian Commerce Minister 'Asgar-Owladi, a number of deputy commerce ministers and also the Indian ambassador to Iran, Akbar Mirza Khaleeli, were present at the meeting.

Meanwhile, the personnel of the Islamic Republic's airline to fly to Mecca, met and conferred separately with the prime minister on Wednesday afternoon. If hajj ceremonies would not be observed in its actual and proper manner by the Muslim ummah, the superpowers would not be frightened of the power of Islam, said Prime Minister Musavi.

Talks to Energy Officials

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, in continuation of the economic talks between Iran and India, which took place between the Indian commerce minister and our country's officials, Mr Shiv Raj Patil, the Indian commerce and cooperation minister, accompanied by that country's ambassador in Tehran, today separately met Messrs Hashemi and Ghaffuri-Fard, the ministers of industries and energy and the head of the Atomic Energy Organization in Iran.

During these meetings the expansion of technical relations between the two countries, the setting up of a technical office in Tehran for using Indian experts and also the use of Indian industrial and atomic advisory services by Iran were discussed.

According to this report, during the meeting between the Indian commerce minister and our country's industries minister, Mr Hashemi, the latter said: In the past our industry had no order. The industrialists invested on the basis of their interests. But now, we intend to set a goal for our industries, to specify the course of our various industries and to give them forms [as heard] with independent identities. That is why we have to centralize our industries. This does not mean that everything must be nationalized, but these industries must be directed from one point and we thank those in Iran who can give us some ideas. He added: Since we believe in the importance of industry and want to deal with industry in a specialized manner, we have created various ministries in this connection.

During this meeting, Mr Shir Vaj Patil said: We are aware of the contents of your constitution, which had divided economic activities into three groups -- government, cooperative and private. In this respect our views and yours regarding economy and industry are close.

He suggested that in the industrial sphere, Iran and India should cooperate in such fields as transportation, heavy industries and technical commodities. Regarding the exchange of commodities between the two countries, he invited Iran to exhibit its products in India so that exchanges between the two countries could be extended.

According to this report, the Indian commerce minister today also met with Mr Ghafuri-Fard, the energy minister, and officials of his ministry. At this meeting our country's energy minister explained Iran's goals and needs in the fields of water and energy. The Indian delegation suggested that a technical cooperative office be opened by India in Tehran so that when Iran needs foreign experts and contractors, Indians can be used.

During this meeting it was also agreed that a list of equipment needed by the Energy Ministry in Iran be put at the disposal of that country [words indistinct] and that measures are taken regarding the training of Iranian students in Indian factories and power stations.

Meanwhile, following the talks held last week between the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran and the Indian officials in New Delhi, today Mr Shiv Raj Patil met with the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran.

At this meeting, referring to the progress made in India in the field of atomic industries, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran said: We wish to use Indian atomic experts because they are at a level comparable to experts from other countries and they can also understand our culture. We hope mutual and reciprocal cooperation will take place between the two countries as soon as possible. Referring to his recent visit to an Indian Atomic Center, he said: India has shown that in spite of the difficulties, those countries which wish to be independent can be successful in this field.

The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of our country added: We shall soon send a delegation to India to specify the general lines of our cooperation in the atomic field. In an interview with Central News Unit correspondent, he said: We wish to use Indian experts in three areas: one, for the final work at the Bushehr (?power station), another in connection with our problems with the French regarding the uranium enrichment center, in France; and third, regarding the training of manpower. He added: Iran and India signed a contract on peaceful cooperation in atomic fields 6 years ago. We hope this cooperation will expand.

The Indian commerce minister, together with our country's deputy commerce minister, this morning met and conferred with Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, at the Islamic Consultative Assembly Building.

Meets Majlis Speaker

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the visiting Indian commerce minister met Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani, speaker of the Majlis. The meeting, which took place at noon today, was also attended by members of the Indian delegation as well as the deputy commerce minister of our country.

Commenting on the outcome of his meeting with the Iranian officials including the prime minister and ministers of the Islamic Republic of Iran he said he had arrived at the conclusion that there is suitable ground for further cooperation between the two countries. He said: It is a great honor for me to visit Iran after the visit made recently by the speaker of the Majlis to India and I feel there is a suitable climate for further expanding our friendship and cooperation. I have decided that in order to achieve that end we should set up an organization through which we can arrive at greater and more effective cooperation.

In reply Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: Inasmuch as we have severed a great link with the Western world and are considering our new partners, we believe India ranks among one of the world's most important countries in our area and we have more things in common. With India we feel more at ease.

The Indian commerce minister responded: Members of my delegation have been appointed to various committees and have met with the Iranian officials and their talks have been very satisfactory.

Mr Rafsanjani then said: We consider this a good start and a new phase in our relations. Delegations visiting the two countries should make an effort to further our relations.

Concluding his remarks, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: Once again I would like to stress that the Islamic Republic of Iran assumes a suitable partner-like attitude toward India and India, too, can become a suitable place for our revolution's requirements. Please convey my greetings to Mrs Ghandi, her ministers, members of the two houses of the Indian parliament and the president. We look forward to seeing the Indian leaders in Iran.

In reply the Indian commerce minister said: I also would like to stress that your trip to India opened a new phase in our relations and it will be a great pleasure for me to convey your greetings to the members of our parliament, prime minister and president.

Signs Protocols, Departs

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[Text] According to IRNA, the Indian economic delegation headed by the Indian minister of commerce has left Tehran for New Delhi. The delegation signed a number of protocols before departing from Tehran.

Before leaving Tehran, the Indian commerce minister spoke to correspondents briefly and said the agreements reached with the Iranian side are very frutitful and these agreements will open a new phase in the two nations' political and economic relations. He further said that during its visit to Iran, the delegation held talks with the Islamic Republic's officials and they learned Iran's stand on international issues as well as its views concerning the future of its relations with India. The delegation also discussed and explored with Iranian officials avenues for expanding bilateral ties.

4 QOTBZADEH 'GANG' MEMBERS' TRIAL TO BEGIN 28 Aug

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[Text] The Islamic Republic News Agency reports that the Revolution Court of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has announced:

The trial of four other members of the Qotbzadeh gang, called ('Abbasi) -- Shari'atmadari's son-in-law -- 'Abdol Reza (Hejazi), (Manaqebi) and Mahdavi will start at the Armed Forces' Revolution Court at 0900 Saturday morning, 28 August.

Mass media correspondents, on presentation of valid cards, can attend the court's session.

17 MEMBERS OF ARMED OUTLAWED GROUPS SURRENDER

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[Text] On the basis of reports received from the Central Hamzeh-e-Seyyed al-Shohada headquarters [set up recently by the armed forces at the initiative of Army Commander Col Sayyad Shirazi to wipe out Kurdish insurgents and resistance], following the surrender by hundreds of counterrevolutionary elements in the west of the country, another 17 members of the armed outlawed groups who have realized the emptiness of positions held by the counterrevolution and the outlawed minigroups, surrendered yesterday to the forces of Islam. These surrenders were made at [word indistinct] village situated at the (Salodeh) axis. Those surrendering to the forces of Islam asked for safe conduct.

GUARDS: RAVABET SECT OF 'HYPOCRITES' SHATTERED

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["Text" of communique issued by the Public Relations Department of the Islamic Revolution Guards Central Headquarters -- date not given]

[Excerpts] With the help of the great God, the efforts of the Islamic Guards and the selfless Hezbollah and the blessings of the imam of all times, a section of the puppet hypocrite organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq Organization] has been shattered. Today the continuous and outstanding efforts of the imam's soldiers from without and the putrefaction of the reactionary hypocrite organization from within have changed the hope of the world's oppressed and driven the minigroups to despair.

After heavy blows to the big devil and the American Saddam on the front of right against wrong and after fatal blows on 8 February, 2 May and 9 June to the declining strength of the hypocrites, these agents of world imperialism sustained yet another grave blow. The defenders of the path of God yesterday attacked more than 20 nests of corruption and the hypocrites' plots against the power of Islam faced the inevitable death.

This operation resulted in the shattering of one of the most important sections of the hypocrites organization, a section called the Ravabet sect. To date the number of arrested and killed has exceeded 65. These people were mostly active members of the Ravabet sect in the hypocrites organization. Arms and documents have been discovered in this nest of corruption and conspiracy. The details will be announced later to the revolution's citizens.

CLANDESTINE ON POWER STRUGGLE AMONG MULLAHS

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[Text] Continuing the power struggle within the ruling council of Khomeyni's republic, the Rafsanjani-Montazeri clique has inflicted a new blow to the Khamene'i clique. A Voice of Iran correspondent's report on this states that the Khamene'i faction, which with the formation of the Ministry of Revolution Guards, intended to place this paramilitary force at its disposal, has been taken by surprise with the change of Khomeyni's representative in the revolution guards corps. Khomeyni has issued a decree appointing Sheykh Mohammad Reza Faker as his plenipotentiary representative in the regime's guards corps and he has dismissed his former representative in this corps, Sheykh Taheri, who was considered a member of Khamene'i's clique. Sheykh Mohammad Reza Faker is a member of the Rafsanjani-Montazeri faction, and his appointment as Khomeyni's plenipotentiary representative in the guards corps signals further infiltration by the Rafsanjani-Montazeri group into this armed corps.

We add that in the mullahs' power struggle, each ruling faction is trying to place the guards corps under its control as its military arm because the mullahs' calculations are based on the fact that after Khomeyni's death, in the not too distant future, the ruling clerical faction that enjoys the support of the armed revolution guards can (?obtain absolute power). [passage indistinct] The interesting point in the appointment of Mohammad Reza Faker is that he will apparently be serving during the absence of Sheykh Taheri, who is on a trip abroad, but Sheykh Taheri's dismissal from the regime's revolution guards corps command council and the assignment by Khomeyni of Sheykh Faker to this post should be considered as a fait accompli.